

By the Kansas State Historical Society

"Home on the Range"

There are many versions of "Home on the Range." This is the one that was named the official state song.

*Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
And the sky is not cloudy all day.*

Chorus:

*A home, a home
Where the deer and the antelope play,
Where never is heard a discouraging word
And the sky is not cloudy all day.*

*Oh, give me the land where the bright diamond sand
Throws its light from the glittering stream,
Where glideth along the graceful white swan
Like a maid in her heavenly dream.*



*Oh, give me the gale of the Solomon vale
Where life streams with buoyancy flow,
On the banks of the Beaver, where seldom if ever
Any poisonous herbage doth grow.*

*I love the wild flowers in this bright land of ours,
I love, too, the wild curlew's scream,
The bluffs and white rocks and antelope flocks
That graze on the hillsides so green.*

*How often at night when the heavens are bright
By the light of the twinkling stars,
Have I stood here amazed and asked as I gazed
If their glory exceeds that of ours.*

*The air is so clear, the breeze so pure,
The zephyrs so balmy and light,
I would not exchange my home here to range
Forever in azure so bright.*